

the Internal Revenue Service in Shreveport, Louisiana. After 17 months, she transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers in Bossier City. She then began working for the 47th Fighter Squadron in October of 1985 on Barksdale AFB, Louisiana—which began her association with the Air Force. Mrs. Cannington would later join her husband with his Air Force assignments and work at 509th Tactical Missile Wing in RAF Greenham Common, England; the 410th Transportation Squadron at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan; the 480th Intelligence Group at Langley AFB, Virginia; culminating her career at the Medical Directorate for the Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, GA.

During her tenure, Mrs. Cannington was awarded the Air Combat Command Transportation Professional of the Year, Air Intelligence Agency Junior Professional of the Year, National Air Intelligence Professional of the Year, and a National Reserve Recruiting Award for Support Personnel several times. As an analyst at the Air Force Reserve Medical Directorate, she processed 2,811 commissioning packages. Her role was crucial in ensuring there were enough healthcare professionals for those wounded in battle, a mission at which she excelled.

Mrs. Cannington could not have made such a tremendous impact within the Air Force without the love and unfailing support of her family, specifically her husband of 44 years, retired Chief Master Sergeant William Cannington; her children—Jennifer and her husband Bob; Josh; and Matt and his partner Gregg; her sister Cathy and her husband Dave as well as Melody and her husband Thor. She also contributes her success to her mother, Virginia Walker and her mother-in-law Ann Cannington.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Virginia Cannington for her outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great Nation. We wish her and her family the best of luck as she transitions into retirement. Mrs. Cannington is a true professional and a credit to herself, her family, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING CVS HEALTH FOR RECEIVING THE PREVENT CANCER FOUNDATION'S CANCER AWARENESS AWARD

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today CVS Health received the Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award at the Twenty-Second Annual Action for Cancer Awareness Awards Luncheon. The annual award was given by the Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program of the Prevent Cancer Foundation to CVS Health for their commitment to health by taking tobacco products off their shelves. Dr. Andrew Sussman accepted the award on behalf of CVS Health and I want to commend him, and CVS Health, for their commitment to prevent cancer and improving the health of every American by removing tobacco from their stores.

PREVENT CANCER FOUNDATION

AWARD ACCEPTANCE/RECOGNITION RECEIPT REMARKS FOR CVS HEALTH—ANDREW J. SUSSMAN, MD, PRESIDENT CVS/MINUTECLINIC, SVP AND ASSOCIATE CMO, CVS HEALTH

Thank you very much. I'm very happy to be able to join you all today and am honored to accept this wonderful recognition on behalf of CVS Health.

As you may have heard, we recently marked an important milestone in the history of our company. We officially changed our corporate name to CVS Health.

We made this change to reflect our broader health care commitment.

And along with the start of CVS Health, we also ended the sale of all cigarettes and tobacco products at CVS/pharmacy nationwide.

By removing these items from our store shelves, we believe we can make a difference in the health of all Americans.

In fact, there's evidence that removing tobacco products from retailers with pharmacies may lead to substantially lower rates of smoking with implications for reducing tobacco-related deaths.

A recent CVS Health study found that there was up to a 13 percent reduction in purchasers of tobacco products in Boston and San Francisco AFTER policies eliminating the sale of tobacco products at retailers with pharmacies were put in place.

If retailers with pharmacies across the country were to forego sales of tobacco products, the result could be up to 60,000 fewer tobacco-related deaths annually.

Along with removing tobacco-related products from our stores, we also launched a national smoking cessation campaign to help millions of Americans to quit smoking.

We know that 7 in 10 people who smoke want to quit.

We also know that for most people it will take several tries before they are successful.

That's why, with help from national experts, we designed the CVS Health smoking cessation program.

We've combined the efforts of CVS/pharmacy, CVS/minuteclinic and CVS/caremark to come up with a comprehensive program that will help smokers to quit.

The program is made of up four components—Readiness assessment, Education, Medication Support, and Coaching.

For example, at our 925 walk-in medical clinics called CVS/minuteclinic, our "Start to Stop" program puts all four of these support components into action.

Our Nurse Practitioners begin with an assessment to create a customized treatment plan.

They then provide ongoing education and support to meet the individual needs of smokers who are trying to quit.

Our team also provides an overview of medication options and, if appropriate, can prescribe medication.

And finally, our Nurse Practitioners provide face-to-face personalized coaching to help patients keep the momentum going and avoid relapse.

This is another example of how CVS/minuteclinic is expanding access to walk-in health care seven days a week, as part of the changing health care landscape.

MinuteClinic is also affiliated with 41 major health systems around the country—and growing—affiliations that include integration of electronic medical records, physician medical director collaboration, and collaboration on wellness programs such as smoking cessation.

As we have placed a growing emphasis on our purpose as a health care organization, we've been truly humbled by the outpouring of encouragement and support we've received since announcing the removal of cigarettes and tobacco products from our stores.

It's come from all corners . . . from our customers and colleagues, public health advocates, elected officials and the media.

And we are particularly thankful for today's recognition from the Prevent Cancer Foundation—a group that has been truly at the forefront of cancer prevention since it was founded, nearly 30 years ago.

I hope through our efforts, along with the work of groups like yours, we can help more Americans embark on their path to better health.

Thank you again for this wonderful honor.

DO-NOTHING CONGRESS

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the hardworking men and women of Houston and Harris County, who go to work every day without complaint and the failure of this Congress to do its job and pass pressing legislation that the good people of the 29th District of Texas and Americans throughout our country are relying on.

The 113th Congress, which is scheduled to end in less than 4 months, has passed only 142 laws to date. And 34 of those were ceremonial.

Last Congress had passed 151 laws by the same date.

The "Do-Nothing Congress" of 1947 and 1948 that President Harry Truman famously campaigned against passed 906 public laws. That is not even including the 458 private laws that were passed or the modern conveniences that we have today that should enable us to do more for the American people.

Over the past 20 months, our chamber has failed to bring to the floor critical legislation that would extend emergency unemployment insurance, cutting off benefits for 4 million Americans, raise the minimum wage for the 10 million-plus Americans who work full-time and live below the poverty line, or ensure equal pay for equal work for working men and women in our country.

Mr. Speaker, if this Congress ends without this chamber even bringing these bills for a floor vote, historians will have no choice but to rewrite the textbook and name us the true "Do-Nothing Congress."

TO ALLOW RAILROAD EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN ON DUTY AS NECESSARY TO CLEAR A BLOCKAGE OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT GRADE CROSSINGS

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Representative SENSENBRENNER and Representative DUFFY, I am introducing common sense legislation that would provide flexibility for train crews to remain on duty past their maximum hours of service, when feasible to the extent necessary, in order to clear a blockage of vehicular traffic at grade crossings.

My district and the state of Wisconsin have seen a surge in traffic on our rail lines. This